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Title: NITRATION IN A STATIC MICROMIXER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the process is continuous.
4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that
- a) the aromatic or heteroaromatic compound is firstly derivatised,
  - b) the resultant derivative is dissolved in a solvent and
  - c) nitrated in a micromixer using a nitrating reagent, and
  - d) the nitrated product is isolated from the resultant solution.
5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1 , characterized in that the nitrated product is separated off from the reaction mixture by extraction with a solvent.